

## BSNL activities freeze as employees strike enters 2 days

**IT News**  
**Imphal, Nov 6:** Normal works at Imphal BSNL office continue to freeze for the second day as employees stand stuck to their demand of transfer of J. Lunkim, General Manger, Manipur SSA for allegedly assaulting an employee identified as L. Roben Singh inside his office chamber on the evening of October 28. Billing counters of BSNL, complain sections and line repairing sections of telecommunication department paralyses as staffs continue the pen

down strike since yesterday. After the incident of October 28, the employees Union of the BSNL staged protest demonstration on Oct. 29 demanding apology from the GM, but without disturbing the office environment. The following days employees wore black badge and later continue Non-cooperation with the GM followed by sit in protest. But as no

response was made to the protest, the employees of the BSNL Manipur begin pen down strike affecting all kinds of BSNL activities. Telephone or BSNL cell phone consumers were not allowed to pay bills at the received counters. Representatives of the Forum of BSNL Unions/ Association, while talking to media persons accuse the

GM for his high handedness towards his employees many a times. He said the kind of attitude shown to the employees was not the first time and as the employees can no longer tolerate, this time they stood up against the GM. He also said that the demand for GM transfer is not related with any communal motives.

## All is set to observe Luchingpurel Akaba's 71st Birth Anniversary

**IT News**  
**Imphal, Nov. 6:** 2nd Chingsubam Akaba Memorial Journalist Award 2014-2015 will be conferred on November 9 in commemoration with the 71st birth anniversary of Chingsubam Akaba and the 2nd foundation day celebration of Pandam, a bilingual evening daily which was founded by Akaba, days back to 1980s. The award ceremony organized jointly by Luching Pural Akaba Ningsing Lup (LUCANIL), Thoyee Village Authority and Management Board of Pandam will be held at Thoyee (Thawai) Village under Phungyai A/C of Ukhrul District. The village being chosen for the venue for the program as the village had important place in Akaba's life, told N Tomba, Executive editor, Pandam in a press meet held at its office at Waheng Leikai, Imphal. Tmoba said Akaba dedicated his life in building unity and integrity among hill and valley people of Manipur. He added that Akaba visited Thawai village frequently and took up various activities leading to

strengthening the bondage and relationship between hill and valley. As per villagers wish, Manipur Sumang Leela Council will show its Sumang Leela (Manipuri traditional play) "Kangleipakta 1709 (Puya Mei Thaba)" on the day, said Tomba. He further appealed people of Manipur, not to call any band or strike on this day. While speaking to media persons, Ng Khathing, Headman, Thawai Village authority said the village is very much please for the integral ideology sabb by Akaba in their village. Organising such programs will surely renew the sense of brotherhood among hill and valley. It will reinstate the truth that hill and valley people cannot be imparted at any cost, said Khathing. While welcoming one and all in the memorial function Khathing added that remembering Akaba's integral ideology and discussing on public platform will boost in integral building among us. It may be mention that A Rovindro Sharma, Editor, Poknafam, Daily Newspaper, L.Pritam, Reporter, ISTV and

M.Karnajit, Reporter (Chief Bureau), Hueiyen Lanpao, Daily Newspaper will conferred the awards carry a case of Rs.20,000 and Rs. 10,000 each respectively with Citations and Mementos on that day. K Manoranjan, Additional chief Engineer, CADA, and Tongbram Robindro, Social worker are the donors of year's case in the award.

## MPP demands details of the beautification works for Kangla Fort

**IT News**  
**Imphal, Nov 6:** President of the Manipur Peoples' Party (MPP) today demanded complete details of expenditures of the ongoing beautification works of Kangla Fort for the upcoming Sangai Festival. Speaking to media persons, at his office Chamber today, President of MPP, Sovakiran said that government is not very sincere enough in utilising public fund for any purpose. He said if they are sincere there is nothing wrong in placing a sign board giving details of all the kind of works being taken up for Sangai festival. Sovakiran further blamed the state government for misappropriation of public money for the benefit of some near and dear one of the ruling congress government.

## Assam remembers 2008 serial blast victims

**ANI**  
**Guwahati, Nov. 6:** The family members and close relatives of terror victims, who lost their lives in the devastating 2008 serial blasts, gathered at a memorial pillar here to pay tribute to them. Around 100 people were killed and many others seriously injured in the serial blasts triggered by militants at three crowded places in Guwahati city besides Kokrajhar, Bapeta Road and Bongaigaon in Assam. To mark the occasion, a musical troupe performed religious songs for peace and tranquility. "I feel very sad for those who were killed in 2008 blast. We pray for them. May the departed souls rest in peace," said Basanta Bayan, a priest. Meanwhile, the All Assam Students Union (AASU) organised a candle light protest against terrorism in Guwahati. A large number of students participated in the march and raised anti-

terrorism slogans. "2008 blasts were very painful and I hope these incidents wouldn't repeat in future. If there are some demands, these need to be discussed with the government instead of raising violence and bomb blasts," said Tanushree Sarkar, one of the

protestors. "Today we are protesting against those who disrupted our lives in 2008 serial blasts in Guwahati," said AASU leader Simanta Thakuria. The banned anti-talk faction of the National Democratic Front of Bodoland (NDFB) was involved in the serial blasts.

## 'Repeal Armed Forces Special Powers Act Immediately'

**IT News**  
**Imphal, Nov. 6:** On the 15th anniversary of Irom Sharmila's hunger strike, the International Commission of Jurists calls on the Indian government to repeal the Armed Forces Special Powers Act without further delay. Irom Sharmila began a hunger strike in November 2000, calling for the repeal of the AFSPA, following the unlawful killing of 10 civilians by security forces purportedly acting under it in Malom. "The AFSPA has facilitated gross human rights violations by the armed forces in the areas in which it is operational," Sam Zarifi, Asia-Pacific Director of the ICJ said. "It is a repressive and draconian law that should have no place in today's India". Once an area is declared "disturbed" under the AFSPA, armed forces are given a range of "special powers". These include the power to arrest without warrant, to enter and search any premises, and in certain circumstances, "fire upon or otherwise use force, even to the causing of death". These and other vaguely framed provisions give armed forces broad powers that are inconsistent with the government's obligations to respect the

right to life. In addition to leading to many unlawful killings in the areas in which it has been in effect, the provisions of the AFSPA have also facilitated torture, rape and enforced disappearances. "The AFSPA has created a culture of impunity, shielding security forces from accountability in India for crimes under international law, and making it impossible for victims of human rights violations to access justice", Sam Zarifi said. Under the AFSPA, governmental permission, or sanction, is required before any member of the armed forces can be prosecuted for crimes in a civilian court. Decisions regarding sanction taken many years, and as yet, no member of the armed forces has been prosecuted in a civilian court. The Indian government has often justified the need for the AFSPA as necessary to address terrorism and militancy in "disturbed areas". "International law requires and experience shows that effective counter-terrorism measures must reinforce human rights, and not undermine and violate them," said Sam Zarifi.

## Date of Birth Correction

The date of birth of my daughter Loitongbam Lucky Devi of the undersigned which was written falsely as 24-09-2011 should be written 03-08-2011. And the date of birth of my wife Yanglem Sangita Devi which was written as 07-03-1983 should be written as 01-03-1983.

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## Six month pregnant woman mercilessly murdered

**IT News**  
**Imphal, Nov. 6:** Dead body of a six month pregnant woman was found mercilessly murdered today morning. The dead body was found tied both hands and legs. Her body was found floating today at Wangoo Nongyai Khong Maril (river) under Waikhong Police Station under Thoubal

District. The deceased lady has been identified as Yumlembam Ongbi Sorodhoni (37) W/o one Y. Sanjoy of Tokpa Ching, Lamlai, Nungpakthabi leikai under Waikong police station. According to Police source, family members have identified the body. She reportedly went missing

since last three days. Her hands and legs were tied when body was recovered from the river. She was pregnant for six months. Police said an FIR has been lodged and investigation is on to find the culprits involved in the killing. Later, the dead body was deposited at JNIMS morgue for autopsy.

## Contraband drugs worth around Rs. 1.88 crores disposed

**IT News**  
**Imphal, Nov 6:** Contraband drug items worth Rs 1, 88, 90,590 have been disposed by burning in imphal today by the Custom Division, Imphal officials as per the instruction which they have received from the O/o The Commissioner of Customs (Preventive)NER, Shillong. The banned goods include 166 compress packets of ganja packed and sealed in gunny bag weighing 3276 kgs worth Rs 1,63,80,000.

Banned drugs such as Corocold tablets (48 strips), Nimusud (120 strips), Nimol Cold (11 strips), Nimol Cold (loose tablets) (610 tabs), Altiva-D (234 strips), Coscold (192 strips), Specold (1012 strips), Levocet D (20 strips), Efipress Injection (9 Ampoules), Action-Cold (6 strips), Action-Cold (loose tablets) (4000 strips). These medicine were worth Rs 31, 590 and weigh 19,260 kgs. The banned goods were burnt

at the foothill of Nongmaiching hill near Kalika Lairembi, Iriblung, Imphal East today around 11:30am. Custom team led by Gaikholnung Pamei, Assistant Commissioner, Chairman, Custom Division, Imphal along with his custom members namely Th Madhai Singh, Superintendent (disposal), Giansing Panmei, Superintendent (A/S) and RK Bhuminjoy Singh, Superintendent (Technical) disposed the banned drugs.

## WW II Imphal campaign convey details of another Labour corps killed in Europe

**IT News**  
**Imphal, Nov 6:** Grave of Akhil Pukhini s/o Aklin Pukhini of Mao Pung Kung village, a personnel of the Labour Corps, who was reported died during War II he was found out at Europe. Akhil Pukhini was among the 87 persons who was taken to Europe as labour coy by the British during World War II. Imphal Campaign Foundation 2nd World War gave the details of the grave and its whereabouts to the grandson of Akhil Pukhini, identified as Sully Lohro aged 62.

Speaking to media persons, Yumnam Rajeshwor, Co-Founder, Imphal Campaign Foundation 2nd World War said that Sully Lohro grandson is the second person to receive the grave photo and information of his great grandfather Akhil Pukhini who serve in the WW1. Photo for the grave of Akhil Pukhini was sent by the Commonwealth War Graves

Commission. Akhil Pukhini was buried at the Barly French Military Cemetery, Pas de Calais, France, he added. Yumnam Rajeshwor further said that he was contacted by the son of Sully Lohro, who is working in a bank at Bangalore. He further said that Sully Lohro son happen to read the news about finding of graves. Sully Lohro said while interacting with the media persons that since they are

from the poor family, they won't be able to visit the grave of his great grandfather at France. They will contact the Embassies of both India and France for further information in the future. He also wanted the State Government to look into this very historic part of Manipur and extend help to the one who have lost their family member in the World War in finding their history. Akhil Pukhini died in May 4, 1918. His labour serial no



was 190 of 39 Labour Coy. He had 3 sons and 1 daughter where 2 sons and the daughter had already pass away while one is still alive who is happen to be the father of Sully Lohro.

## Vehicle lifter nabbed

**IT News**  
**Imphal, Nov. 6:** Manipur police anti-theft squad had arrested a vehicle lifter identified as Lalboy Haokip (200 SON OF Sianjapao Haokip of Tuibong Part III on Thursday. A stolen Honda Activa vehicle which was also recovered from Kangvai VDF post today on his disclosure.

## Welcome judicial activism

**By: Iboyaima Laithangbam**  
The lifting of the ten day economic blockade the other day should be welcomed by one and all. It had gathered an ominous dimension since Ningol Chakkouba is round the corner. The inevitable blockades and other forms of disruptions ahead of the big festival each year cannot be seen in isolation. There was smouldering anger among the people. Besides they had nobody to turn to since the government was merely sitting at a safe distance. It was not explained why the government did not detail one battalion of paramilitary force to ensure cast iron security to the trucks. It is welcome that the high court has directed the government for beefing up the security coverage. It was much on the cards that the law court would order the state government to take up drastic actions in the larger interest of the people. Blockade is according to the apex court illegal and this message should be loud and clear to one and all. Meghalaya has also been reeling under kidnappings and other forms of terrorism. Yet the chief minister Mukul Sangma and his ministers did not think of enforcing the AFSPA to deal with the militants who could not be cut to size by the state forces. It was much welcome that the high court directed the union government to consider invoking the AFSPA in the state. Human rights activists will raise a hue and cry saying that human rights will be violated. However these self styled human rights activists have not lifted a finger regarding the kidnappings, killings, extortions and other forms of human rights violations already committed in the state. Since the NE state governments have been sticking their heads in the sand dunes for their political ends it is to be hoped that there will be more judicial activism to protect the rights of the people.

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